CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	The Everything Marijuana Book
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1300560.000
Medium:	Book
Distributor:	Not stated
Author:	Alicia Williamson
Publisher:	Adams Media
Country of origin:	United States
Language:	English
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 October 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	07 October 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The Everything Marijuana Bookis classified as objectionable because it promotes and encourages criminal activity to a high extent and degree.

The publication comprehensively instructs the reader on the processes of cultivation and preparation of marijuana/cannabis. Seventeen of the twenty chapters are dedicated to this. The other three chapters provide a wider overview on marijuana and its function, so are inextricably linked to the broader purpose of the publication. It provides for detailed information in a form that would enable readers to establish their own growing facilities. Repeated reference to the medicinal or legal uses (within the US context) of cannabis does not sufficiently mitigate the high extent and degree to which the publication promotes and encourages the criminal act of cannabis cultivation and preparation of cannabis products for use. The book does not directly advocate for law reform and has no other significant cultural or social character beyond technical advice on

how to sucessfully grow cannabis without getting caught.

Having considered the freedom of expression throughout the Classification Office's application of the statutory criteria to this publication, it is apparent that injury to the public good is likely to result from the publication being made available to anyone, regardless of age. Although a classification of objectionable violates the right to freedom of expression, it is the only classification that sufficiently reduces the harms presented by the availability of the publication.